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**Washington, DC 20423**

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August 9, 2011

**Re: STB Docket No. AB 1068X, Missouri Central Railroad  
Company—Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service  
Exemption—In Cass County, Mo.**

Dear Ms. Johnson:

As you know, Missouri Central Railroad Company (MCRR) and Central Midland Railway Company (CMR) filed a notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 seeking exemption from the requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 10903 for MCRR to abandon, and for MCRR and CMR to discontinue service over, an approximately 5.6-mile rail line, in Cass County, Missouri. The Board's approval of this abandonment and discontinuance is considered an undertaking under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. § 470f) (NHPA) and is thus covered under its provisions.

In response to your letter dated June 27, 2010, and pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 800.11, we are providing additional documentation that describes the proposed undertaking and information regarding the rail line. The Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) is committed to ensuring proper completion of the Section 106 process. Accordingly, if you require any additional information, please to not hesitate the contact me or Christa Dean at (202) 245-0299.

Sincerely,

Victoria Rutson  
Director

Office of Environmental Analysis

Attachment

cc: Judith Deel, Missouri SHPO  
Najah Duvall-Gabriel, ACHP  
Sandra L. Brown, Thompson Hine LLP

## **Documentation Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 800.11(e)**

### **A description of the undertaking, specifying the federal involvement, and its area of potential effects, including photographs, maps, and drawings as necessary.**

On November 8, 2010, Missouri Central Railroad Company (MCRR) and Central Midland Railway Company (CMR) filed a notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 seeking exemption from the requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 10903 for MCRR to abandon, and for MCRR and CMR to discontinue service over, an approximately 5.6-mile rail line, in Cass County, Missouri. The Board's approval of this abandonment and discontinuance is considered an undertaking under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. § 470f) (NHPA) and is thus covered under its provisions.

As stated in the December 3, 2010 Environmental Assessment (EA), the line proposed for abandonment and discontinuance of service is 5.6-miles long. For abandonments, the rail right of way is the area of potential effects, defined at 36 C.F.R. § 800.16(d) as "the geographic area or areas within which an undertaking may directly or indirectly cause alterations in the character or use of historic properties, if any such properties exist." In this abandonment proceeding, the right of way is generally 100-feet wide.<sup>1</sup> Impacts from salvage and disposal of a rail line typically include removal of tracks and ties, removal of ballast and regrading of the right of way. Salvage may be performed within the right of way, or, if necessary, via the construction of new access points to the right of way. As part of this proposed abandonment and discontinuance of service, MCRR indicates that it plans to remove the rails, ties and other track materials for salvage. However, the railroad does not plan to remove or alter the contour of the road bed underlying the rail line, and structures such as bridges and culverts will remain in place.

Maps and other detailed information regarding the proposed project were provided to the public in the following documents: MCRR's Notice of Exemption; the Environmental and Historic Reports filed by the railroad; and the EA. These documents are available on the Board's website at [www.stb.dot.gov](http://www.stb.dot.gov) and were provided to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (Advisory Council) for review on June 15, 2011.

### **A description of the steps taken to identify historic properties.**

The Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) is the office within the Board responsible for ensuring the agency's compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and NHPA. Accordingly, OEA has consulted with Ms. Judith Deel at the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). OEA also researched the National Register of Historic Places (National Register) and contacted federally-recognized tribes that may have ancestral connections to the project area.<sup>2</sup> The results of these consultations are set forth below.

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<sup>1</sup> In certain areas, the width of the right of way ranges from 48 feet to 300 feet.

<sup>2</sup> In a letter dated June 20, 2011, the Board invited the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska; Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma; Omaha Tribe of Nebraska; Osage Tribe, Oklahoma;

A description of the affected historic properties, including information on the characteristics that qualify them for the National Register.

As stated in the EA, the line is part of the former Rock Island Line. Based on consultation with the SHPO, OEA determined that the rail corridor is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (National Register) under Criterion A, for its association with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.<sup>3</sup> The rail corridor is part of the former Rock Island Line, which became the first rail line to connect Chicago with the Mississippi River in 1854, and it is significant in Missouri railroad history because, in 1901, the Rock Island acquired a local line - the St. Louis, Kansas City & Colorado RR line - as part of a plan to connect Kansas City with St. Louis.

There are also 4 bridges and 4 culverts on the line that are 50 years old or older, and these resources are eligible for inclusion in the National Register as contributing resources for their association with the Rock Island Line. In addition, some of the bridges appear to embody distinctive characteristics of early 20th century plate girder bridges, while retaining a high degree of integrity and elements of original design. Therefore, we have determined that they may be significant under Criterion C for embodiment of the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.<sup>4</sup>

Milepost	Description	Length	Year of Construction
262.5	Concrete arch structure culvert	30'Lx15'Wx9'H	1905
261.9	Three span steel girder bridge	156' span	1905
261.3	One span steel beam bridge between cast-in-place concrete abutments	22' span	1905
259.5	One span steel beam bridge between cast-in-place concrete abutments	20' span	1905
259.2	Concrete arch structure culvert	39'Lx4'Wx3'H	1905
259.1	Concrete arch structure culvert	27'Lx4'Wx2.5'H	1905
258.8	Concrete arch structure culvert	27'Lx4'Wx3'H	1905
257.9	One span bridge	31' span	1905

Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Indians, Oklahoma; Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma; Sac & Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska; Sac & Fox Nation, Oklahoma; and Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa, Indian Tribes to participate in the Section 106 process pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 800.3. These tribes also received the December 3, 2010 EA for review and comment. At this time, no tribes have submitted comments on the proposed abandonment and discontinuance of service.

<sup>3</sup> See 36 C.F.R. § 60.4.

<sup>4</sup> See *Id.*

A description of the undertaking's effects on historic properties.

The Board has consulted with the SHPO pursuant to 36 C.F.R. Part 800, and we have determined that, as a result of the proposed abandonment and discontinuance of service, there will be a corresponding change in the character of the use or physical features of the rail corridor (including the bridges and culverts within the property's setting) that contribute to its historic features. See 36 C.F.R. 800.5(a)(2).

An explanation of why the criteria of adverse effect were found applicable or inapplicable, including any conditions or future actions to avoid, minimize or mitigate adverse effects.

In the event the line is fully abandoned, the track materials would be salvaged, and the rail corridor (including the bridges, culverts and other contributing elements) would no longer be used for rail or transportation purposes. Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 800.6, OEA consulted with the SHPO and MCRR regarding ways to avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential effects to the historic resources as a result of the abandonment and disposition of MCRR's assets and we are currently in negotiations for a Memorandum of Agreement that will include appropriate documentation measures, including photo-documentation, a written history, and interpretive exhibits.<sup>5</sup> In addition, the railroad and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources are in negotiations for possible trail use. In the event the rail corridor is converted to trail use under the National Trails System Act 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d), that would preserve the corridor.

Copies or summaries of any views or comments provided by consulting parties, the public, and the SHPO.

In a letter dated October 5, 2010, the SHPO stated that the abandonment may have an adverse effect on the rail corridor, including the bridges and culverts. All relevant correspondence has been attached.

Copies or summaries of any views or comments provided by any affected Indian tribes.

The Board has not received comments from any Indian tribes. As stated above, the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska; Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma; Omaha Tribe of Nebraska; Osage Tribe, Oklahoma; Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Indians, Oklahoma; Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma; Sac & Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska; Sac & Fox Nation, Oklahoma; and Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa were invited to participate in the Section 106 process on June 20, 2011. We have followed up with phone calls but have not received responses from these efforts.

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<sup>5</sup> In a letter dated June 15, 2011, OEA invited the Advisory Council to participate in the Section 106 process for this rail line abandonment, including the preparation of an MOA.

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Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, Governor • Kip A. Sessler, Acting Director

## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

[www.dnr.mo.gov](http://www.dnr.mo.gov)

October 5, 2010

Sandra L. Brown  
Thompson Hine LLP  
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Washington, D.C. 20036

Re: Abandonment & Rail-Banking, 5.6 miles of Missouri Central Railroad Company Track (STB) Cass County, Missouri

Dear Ms. Brown:

Thank you for submitting information on the above referenced project for our review pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (P.L. 89-665, as amended) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulation 36 CFR Part 800, which require identification and evaluation of cultural resources.

We have reviewed information provided concerning the above referenced letter. We have also had the opportunity to review the September 2010 report entitled *Phase One Cultural Resource Survey Report, Rock Island Trail, Johnson, Cass and Henry Counties, Missouri* by SCI Engineering, Inc. Based on this review, it is evident that a thorough and adequate cultural resources survey has been conducted of the Missouri Central Railroad Company Track. We concur with the investigator's recommendation that the Missouri Central Railroad Company Track is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, including bridges and culverts.

We have not had the opportunity to review the proposed rails to trails conversion, and cannot at this time comment on any effects that such an undertaking might have on this historic property.

If you have any questions, please write Judith Deel at State Historic Preservation Office, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 or call 573/751-7862. Please be sure to include the SHPO Log Number (040-CS-10) on all future correspondence or inquiries relating to this project.

Sincerely,

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

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Mark A. Miles  
Director and Deputy  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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c Victoria Rutson, STB  
Jane Lale, DNR/DSP





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Mr. Leon Campbell  
Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska  
3345 Thrasher Road  
White Cloud, Kansas 66094

June 20, 2011

**Re: Invitation to Be a Consulting Party in the Section 106 Process**  
**STB Docket No. AB 1068X, Missouri Central Railroad**  
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Dear Mr. Campbell:

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The Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) is responsible for ensuring the agency's compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and NHPA. Based on available information, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has submitted comments stating that the rail corridor, as well as 4 bridges and 4 culverts on the line, are eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Accordingly, OEA has begun the consultation process and will be working with the SHPO; the railroad; and other concerned or affected parties as needed. We have identified the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska as a potential consulting party pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 800.3, and we are writing to invite you to participate as a consulting party in the Section 106 process, including the possible development of a Memorandum of Agreement to avoid or minimize any adverse effects

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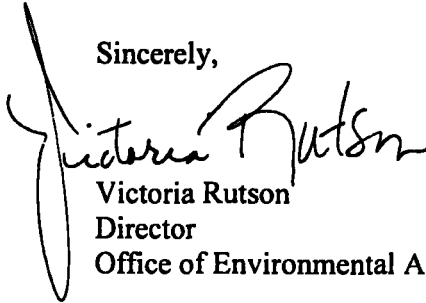
that the proposed abandonment might have on historic resources. **Please respond before July 20, 2011 if you would like to participate in the Section 106 process for this proceeding.**

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Please send emails to:  
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Sincerely,

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Victoria Rutson  
Director  
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cc: Judith Deel, Missouri SHPO  
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Ms. Erin C. Tipton  
Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma  
Rt. 1, Box 721  
Perkins, Oklahoma 74059

June 20, 2011

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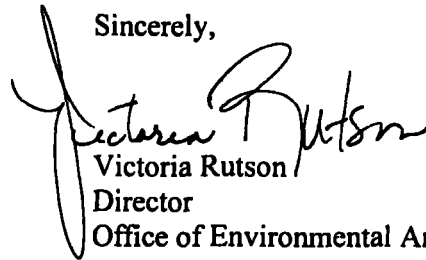
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Ms. Eleanor Baxter  
Omaha Tribal Council  
P.O. Box 368  
Macy, Nebraska 68039

June 20, 2011

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Dear Ms. Baxter:

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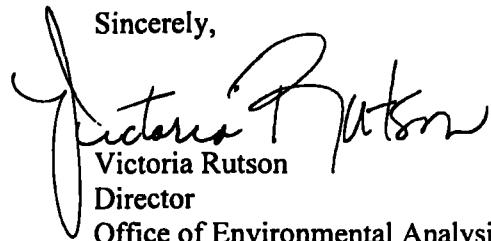
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Ms. Carrie V. Wilson  
Osage Nation  
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June 20, 2011

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Dear Ms. Wilson:

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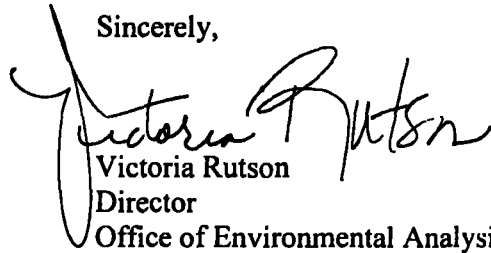
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Mr. C. Michael Harwell  
Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Indians  
8251 Highway 177  
Red Rock, Oklahoma 74651

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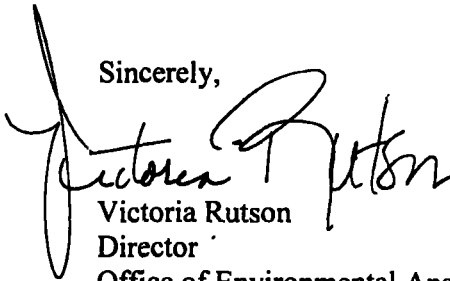
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Ms. Charla K. Reeves  
Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma  
P.O. Box 1527  
Miami, Oklahoma 74355

June 20, 2011

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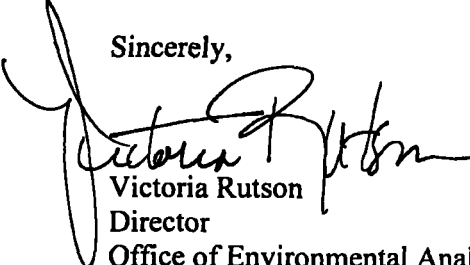
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Victoria Rutson  
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cc: Judith Deel, Missouri SHPO  
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Mr. Edmore Green  
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Reserve, Kansas 66434-9723

June 20, 2011

**Re: Invitation to Be a Consulting Party in the Section 106 Process  
STB Docket No. AB 1068X, Missouri Central Railroad  
Company—Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service  
Exemption—In Cass County, Mo.**

Dear Mr. Green:

In this proceeding, Missouri Central Railroad Company (MCRR) and Central Midland Railway Company (CMR) filed a notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 seeking exemption from the requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 10903 for MCRR to abandon, and for MCRR and CMR to discontinue service over, an approximately 5.6-mile rail line, in Cass County, Missouri.<sup>1</sup> The line is part of the former Rock Island Line and extends between milepost 257.283 (near Wingate) and milepost 262.906 (near Pleasant Hill). The Surface Transportation Board's approval of this abandonment and discontinuance is considered an undertaking under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f) (NHPA) and is thus covered under its provisions.

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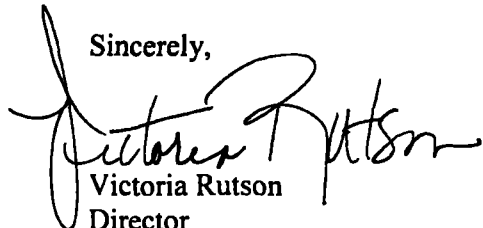
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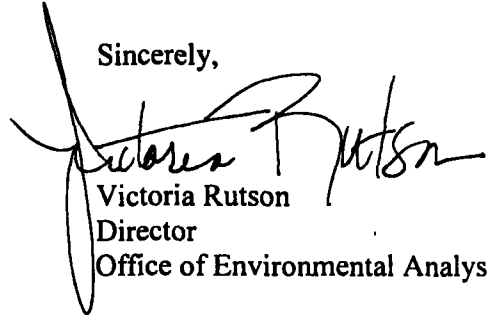
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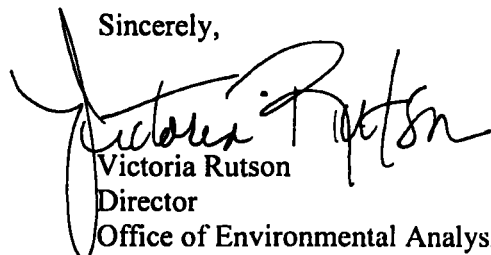
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